

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

DIMINUTION OF SENTENCE/GOOD TIME PAROLE SUPERVISION ELIGIBILITY

1. 30/30 Rate - Without Earning Incentive Wages

Inmates, if eligible, may earn, in lieu of incentive wages, a diminution of sentence known as "good time." This is typically done at the rate of 30 days for every 30 days in actual custody, including time spent in custody with good behavior for which the inmate is given credit. **La. R.S. 15:571.3B**

This rate applies to inmates convicted of violent and non-violent crimes prior to January 1, 1997, but only to those inmates convicted of a non-violent offense on or after January 1, 1997, (see Paragraph 2 below).

15/30 Rate - Earning Incentive Wages

Inmates who opt to earn incentive wages may earn good time at the 15 days for every 30 days in actual custody, including time spent in custody with good behavior for which the inmate is given credit. **La. R.S. 15:571.3B**

This rate applies to inmates convicted of violent and non-violent crimes prior to January 1, 1997, but only to those inmates convicted of a non-violent offense on or after January 1, 1997, (see Paragraph 2 below).

2. 3/17 Rate - Violent Crimes

Inmates convicted a first time for a crime of violence as defined in La. R.S. 14:2(13), which is **committed on or after January 1, 1997**, and who are otherwise eligible to earn good time shall earn diminution of sentence at a rate of three days for every seventeen days in actual custody, including time spent in custody with good behavior prior to sentence for which defendant is given credit. **La. R.S. 15:571.3B (Act 1099 of the 1995 Legislature)**

Comments: The commission date of the crime is used to comply with the ex post facto principle of law. (See Weaver v. Graham, 450 U.S. 24, 29, 101 S.Ct. 960, 964 (1981) and State v. Curtis, 363 So.2d 1375)

3. Educational Good Time Credits

Some inmates can earn educational good time credits of an additional ten days per month up to a maximum of 180 good time days. **La. R.S. 15:828(B)**

Inmates who are sentenced for a crime of violence pursuant to La. R.S. 15:571.3B (**Act 1099 of the 1995 Legislature**) are not eligible for educational good time credits.

- When an inmate committed to the DPS&C (for a crime committed on or after July 1, 1982) is released because of diminution of sentence, he shall be released as if released on parole. **La. R.S. 15:571.5A(1)**